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received
Via email 1/9/08

The Honorable Stephen L. Johnson
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Johnson:

I am writing today to urge quick attention to a matter currently pending before the EPA's Board of Appeals.

As you may know, ConocoPhillips and EnCana Corporation own and operate the Wood River Refinery in Madison County, Illinois, part of the district I represent. The Wood River Refinery is the 10th largest in the United States and plays an important role in providing energy resources to our nation and in the regional and national economies.

A proposed multi-billion dollar expansion of the facility was awarded an air permit by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in May, but was appealed by environmental groups on August 22. I urge the Appeals Board to consider the merits of this case as soon as possible. This is an important project for the region and it is my understanding that all parties have provided the necessary information regarding the appeal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to let me know if I can assist with this process in any way.

Sincerely,


Jerry F. Costello
Member of Congress

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